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SUBJECT: UK REACTION TO THE SECRETARY'S KANSAS CITY SPEECH
ON ENERGY AND RAW MATERIALS

REF: ACHILLES - SMITH TELCON OF MAY 20.

AS REQUESTED FOR YOUR MEETING WITH SIR DONALD MAITLAND ON
MAY 21:

THE UK EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON HAS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING LIST
OF 6 QUESTIONS FROM LONDON CONCERNING THE SECRETARY'S MAY 13
SPEECH ON ENERGY AND RAW MATERIALS IN KANSAS CITY: A. HOW
MUCH IS THE US'S READINESS TO ACCEPT ANOTHER PREPCON MEANT
TO OFFER A LIMB TO THE FRENCH? IS FRENCH CHAIRMANSHIP
RULED OUT OR CAN THE USG LIVE WITH IT? B. WHAT ARE THE
USG'S IDEAS ON THE COMPOSITION, VENUE AND TIMING OF THE NEW
PREPCON? C. IS THERE A LINK BETWEEN THE SECRETARY'S THINK-
ING ABOUT THE TIMING OF THE SPEECH AND RECENT COMMENTS BY
THE SHAH AND SHEIK YAMANI TO THE EFFECT THAT THE MORATORIUM
ON OIL PRICES COULD NOT BE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE BEYOND
SEPTEMBER 30, GIVEN THE RATE OF INFLATION IN THE WESTERN
WORLD? D. DOES THE USG THINK IT POSSIBLE TO MAINTAIN THE
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LINE THAT ENERGY AND RELATED MATTERS MUST RETAIN PRIMARY

CONSIDERATION IN THE NEW PREPCON? E. IS DR. KISSINGER

PREOCCUPIED WITH THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION OR PROBLEMS WITH
OPEC IN PROPOSING A NEW PREPCON? F. WHAT DID DR.
KISSINGER HAVE IN MIND WHEN HE SAID THAT AT THE IEA MINIS-
TERIAL MEETING ON THE 27TH, THE US WILL PROPOSE "WAYS TO
EXPLOIT OUR GREATEST ASSET -- OUR TECHNOLOGICAL CAPACITY
AND SKILL, PARTICULARLY IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATIVE
ENERGY SOURCES"? INGERSOLL

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